

TAUNTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

To:

THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE

TAUNTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

25th March 1974.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present an abbreviated Annual Report for the year 1973. Because of pressure of work on the Health Department and also owing to the fact that Vital Statistics of Births are not yet to hand, it has not been found possible to provide a Report in the comprehensive form of previous years. Since Taunton Rural District Council forms part of a combined Registration District it has not been feasible to disentangle figures of Births, Deaths, Infant Mortality and so on for this particular District. These figures will be to hand at a later date.

So far as the General Provisions for Health Services in the District are concerned these have not varied to any substantial extent from those described in my Report for 1972.

There was a sharp outbreak of Measles in the early part of the year producing 146 cases. Apart from that, the prevalence of infectious disease was at a very low level. Notifications were received of three cases of Scarlet Fever, one case of Infective Erythema, one case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and two cases of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis. No deaths occurred from infectious disease.

Work was begun during the year on the Sewerage Scheme to serve the parish of Kingston St. Mary.

A paper-sack system for collection of domestic refuse throughout the district has been introduced.

The building of 121 private houses and 10 Council houses was completed during 1973.

The following is a table of the visits carried out by the Public Health Inspectors for various purposes:-

Dwelling houses (inspections and revisits for all purposes)	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Food Hygiene	...	...	...	...	...	...	177
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Factories and Workshops	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Drainage Nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Refuse disposal	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Clean Air Act 1956	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Caravan Sites Control of Development Act 1960	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act 1963	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Animal Boarding Establishments	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Noise Abatement Act 1960	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous nuisances and other visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	25

